

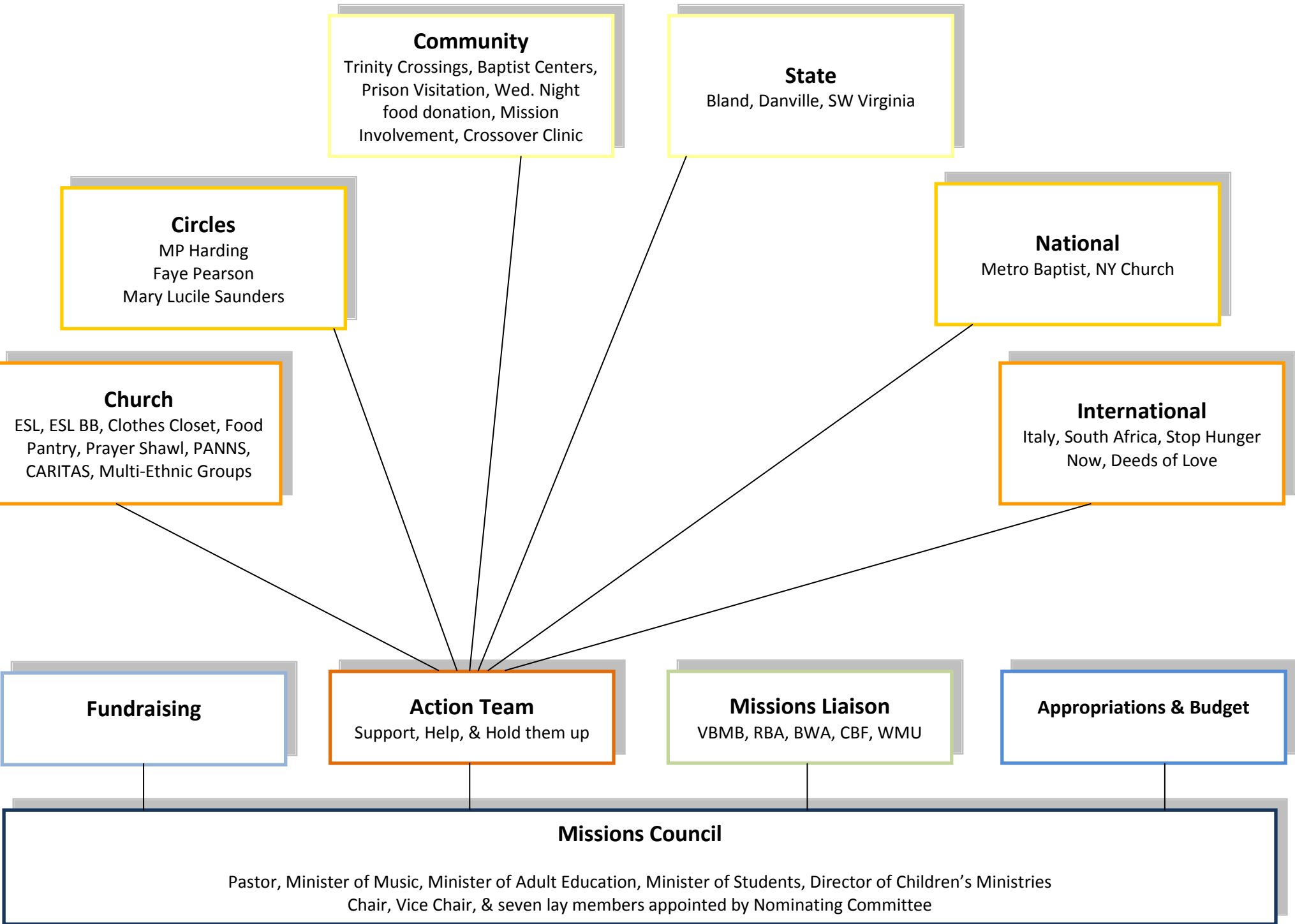
Missions Council

Missions Process



Second
Baptist
Church

A loving community
transformed by Christ
for unbounded service



Vision 2010-2011

In 2010-11 we will strengthen our corporate worship experiences.

Secure copies of the new *Celebrating Grace* hymnal for use in Powell Chapel. This “traditional” hymnal, which incorporates some contemporary selections, will be procured as a part of the Powell Chapel renovation. (Music Council – Funded through designated memorial gifts)

In 2010-11 we will strengthen our adult discipleship.

- Emphasize the spiritual disciplines of prayer, study and spiritual gifts by developing a resource center and offering group experiences (large and small group) that focus on the practice of these disciplines. (Adult Education and Discipleship Council and Adult Education Teams; funding from Adult Education and Discipleship line item in 2011 Budget)
- Offer opportunities for those who have participated in missions trips or other ministry projects to identify the spiritual disciplines which they discovered/used and assist them in the further development of those gifts. (Adult Education and Discipleship Council and Adult Education Teams, Missions Council)
- Explore and strengthen our outreach to those west of us and south of the James River through such opportunities as Back to Church Sunday, Mothers of Preschoolers, etc. (Adult Education and Discipleship Council and Adult Education Teams, Children’s Ministry Teams, Preschool Ministry Teams, Student Ministry Teams, Music Ministry, CLC)

In 2010-11 we will enhance our missional outreach.

- Empower and equip the laity to fulfill their missions calling by establishing a Missions Leadership Program for missions team leaders and other missions leaders. The program will include a leadership retreat, shared experiences, and training on how to plan, implement and communicate missions activities. (Missions Council Action Team; funding from Missions line item in the 2011 Budget)
- Enhance and improve missions-related communication and coordination within the church by exploring electronic missions reporting, such as web site postings and email updates, and encouraging missions team leaders to share their missions experiences with the congregation. (Missions Council; Information Services Team)
- Enhance relationships with our missions partners and sister organizations with special efforts in hosting sharing events which seek to integrate multi-ethnic ministry groups (e.g., the Brazilian and Hispanic groups) with the rest of the congregation. (Missions Council)

3-Step Missions Process



*For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do **good works**, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

Ephesians 2:10

What good works has God prepared for you?

Enclosed you will find a 3-step missions process, crafted by the Missions Council *Action Team*, to help you co-labor with God and the body of Christ at Second Baptist to take your missions vision from idea to reality. The Missions Council and its Action Team exist to empower you to follow your calling to serve God in His mission field. By taking advantage of this process, you will:

- Inform the body of Christ of what God is doing in your life
- Connect with other members of the body to...
 - a) Include them in your vision
 - b) Benefit from their gifts for the success of your vision
- Make use of the missions support structure that God has put in place to help you prosper for His namesake
- Edify the body of Christ by contributing your service for the common good

We look forward to a Spirit-filled year as we obediently answer God's call to the good works, which God has prepared in advance for us to do! To begin your process...be in God's word, pray, listen, and answer the call by filling out a **Missions Council Request Form** and return it to **Kathi Traficanti**. May God bless the works of our hands! Amen.

*There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.
Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.*

1 Corinthians 12:6-7



3-step missions process for current or new missions initiatives....

Vision & Planning

Implementing

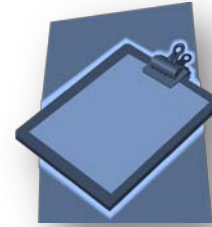
Debriefing

Step 1: Vision & Planning



Where there is no vision, the people perish...

Proverbs 29:18



What is God calling you to do and how? The **Vision & Planning step** will provide a framework for you to answer these questions and organize your thoughts regarding your missions initiative.

- 1) Fill out a Missions Council Request Form, which can be downloaded from the SBC website under “Missions”, and turn it into the Chair, Vice Chair, or any *Action Team* member of the Missions Council. This application informs the Mission Council about the leadership, funding, volunteer, training, and calendar planning needs for your initiative.
- 2) The Missions Council *Appropriations Sub-Committee* will review your application according to the Missions Stewardship Criteria for Vision, Partnerships, and New Initiatives.
- 3) Once approved, you will be assigned a Missions Council *Action Team* leader, who will assist you in casting your vision, developing a team and team covenant, scheduling, and provide ongoing support and training.

Missions Proposal Application

This application may be used for proposing mission ideas, opportunities, etc. that you would be involved in leading or as a personal trip application.
Please print or type.

Name _____

Date _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Cell-Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Are you a Church Member? yes no

How Long? _____

Name of Event or Mission Opportunity:

Is this initiative part of Second Baptist Ministry or Mission Effort? If yes, identify:

I am requesting: Funding Church Involvement
 Other: _____

Please list any current connections with church life; missions or ministries at Second Baptist:

Please list any spiritual gifts, talents, passions, skills, interests, training and sense of calling that will contribute to your missions experience:

Write (or attach) a vision summary for the proposed missions activity including: goals, plan, leader(s), volunteers, connections with Second Baptist Missions & Ministries, other funding sources or fundraising proposals:

Costs, Dates, Timelines and Deadlines:



Living for Giving...Missions Stewardship

Second Baptist empowers its members as missionaries and funds missions priorities through discretionary funding sources, such as missions endowment fund, designated funds, and the Missions & Benevolences operating budget. To promote good stewardship and effective missions efforts, the Missions Council established a process for members to seek missions funding. Members and staff may request funding to assist missions initiatives by submitting a **Missions Council Request Form** to the Missions Council *Budget & Appropriations Sub-Committee*. The *Budget and Appropriations Sub-committee* carefully reviews funding requests and then makes a recommendation to the full Missions Council. The Missions Council then votes on whether to approve the funding request.

The following is a breakdown of the stewardship criteria used to guide decisions for missions giving at Second Baptist Church. These are merely guardrails to discuss the reasons, recipients, and impact of our Kingdom investments.



Step 2: Implementing



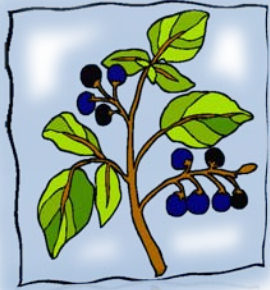
Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

Colossians 3:23-24

Now that details for your vision and plan have been worked out, the second step is to put your initiative into action! The **Implementing step** will help assure that your mission or ministry is prosperous for the Lord, your team members, volunteers, the church, and yourself.

- 1) Team Leaders will meet with their *Action Team* leader prior to the implementation of their initiative.
- 2) Team Leaders will commit to: 1) continual prayer for their initiative and team and 2) purposefully developing a growing relationship with Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church.
- 3) Team Leaders will intentionally help team members, volunteers, etc. to grow spiritually by devotionally tying their mission action to Christ's example and scripture.
- 4) Team Leaders will communicate with their team, volunteers, staff, congregation, and/or community at large regarding any information details and needs prior to and during their initiative.
- 5) Team Leaders will look for ways to advance the gospel in word and deed through their initiative and help team members, volunteers, etc. step in faith to identify and grow in their spiritual gifts.

Step 3: Debriefing



This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

John 15:8

Now your mission is complete and to God be the Glory! In the **Debriefing step**, we would like you and your team to share the fruit of your labor with the body of Christ at Second Baptist. In doing so, you will edify our congregation as well as help you and your team process what you have learned, how you have grown, and possible ways of continuing or expanding your mission initiative.

- 1) Team leaders will meet with team members to have a debriefing meeting following the completion of their initiative.
- 2) Team leaders will meet with their Missions Council Action Team leader to discuss exploring further missions opportunities and calling.
- 3) Team leaders and members will be available to give a presentation of their missions initiative at a Wednesday night service or designated event for missions exposure.
- 4) Team leader and/or team members will be available to give a Missions Moment in both services on a given Sunday.
- 5) Team leader or team members will be available to write an article and provide pictures for the church communication outlets, such as The Ideal or Web page.

